Sample check for corrosion of Boeing 747

2755. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of the Air Safety has asked the Air India to conduct a sample check for corrosion of nine Boeing 747 of its fleet;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the sample check has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Air Safety in the office of Director General of Civil Aviation had asked Air India to conduct a sample check for corrosion on one of its nine Boeing 747 aircraft as a part of the investigation process presently being carried out to determine the cause of the crash of AI-182 of 23-6-1985.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No abnormality was observed.

Pakistani Agents arrested in Jammu and Kashmir

2756. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the three Pakistani agents were arrested from Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir in the last week of June, 1985;

(b) what has been revealed by them during interrogations; and

(c) whether they are connected with the extremists in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

New Pension Formula

2757. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsequent to the Supreme Court Judgement dated 17th December, 1982, the Finance Ministry issued instructions *vide* their Offices Memorandum No. F. 11(3) EV/83 dated the 22nd October, 1983 extending eligibility to the new pension formula to all those who had retired before the 31st March, 1979 and were in receipt of pension belonging to the five categories mentioned therein etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while implementing the decision of the Supreme Court, the Ministry confined itself to revision of pensions without affecting DCR Gratuity already determined and paid in all cases regulated by *ad-hoc* scheme of payments but in case of revision of pensions on the basis of records if directed that the amount of DCR Gratuity paid to the pension concerned, should be recorded by deducting their pensions;

(c) if not, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have received a large number of representatives against recovery of DCR Gratuity; and

(e) if so, the decision taken, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The correct number of the Office Memorandum is F. 1(3)-EV/83.

(b) and (c) It was provided in the Government of India O.M. No. F. 1(3)-EV/83 dated the 22nd October, 1983 that the benefit of liberalised formula will not affect the death-cum-retirement Gratuity already determined and paid. Even in cases where revised pension was calculated on the basis of records, the DCR Gratuity already paid to the pensioner was not affected.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

House of Mr. A. O. Hume

2758. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the house of the founder of the Indian National Congress Mr. A. O. Hume is being converted into a five-star hotel; and

(b) whether Government will consider the desirability to acquire it to make it a national monument during the centenary year of the Congress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

I.T.D.C.'s agreement with the Hotel Managements Abroad

2759. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ITDC entered into certain agreements with the Hotel managements abroad for rendering consultancy services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The India Tourism Development Corporation has entered into the following agreements with hotel projects abroad for providing feasibility studies, technical and project assistance at design, planning and construction stages and post-construction, management and marketing services:—

(1) Messrs Lotus Hotels Ltd., Limassol, Cyprus.

(2) Hotel Projects at Mosul and Dokan in Iraq.

(3) Jaya Hotel International at Kathmandu, Nepal.

The above arrangement have been enterered into on a commerical basis.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के लिए उदारीकृत पेंशन योजना

2760. **श्री राम सिंह भाई पातलीया भाई राठवा** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 29 अप्रैल, 1985 के गुजराती दैनिक "संदेश" (अहमदाबाद-गुजरात) में "गृह मंत्रालय, स्वातंत्र्य सेनानी ध्यान दे" शीर्षक से छपे उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया जिसके अनुसार पेंशन योजना को और अधिक उदार बना दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) नई नीति के प्रत्युत्तर में गुजरात और अन्य राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुये है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) तथा (ख) जी हां, श्रीमान । यह गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा दिया गया एक विज्ञापन है । विज्ञापन की प्रति अनुलग्नक में दी गई है ।

(ग) इस विज्ञापन से स्पष्ट है कि स्वतंत्रता सैनिक सम्मान पेंशन के अन्तर्गत कोई नये आवेदन आमंत्रित नहीं किये गये हैं । सरकार का आशय केवल ऐसे आवेदकों से नये प्रमाण पत्र आमंत्रित करने का है